Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Continuum of Care Meeting – Friday, February 8, 2019

**HMIS Update**

**Consolidation of Nassau DSS Emergency Shelter Programs in AWARDS**

All Nassau County DSS-funded emergency shelter programs have been consolidated into a single Division in AWARDS/HMIS (Nassau DSS).  As such, these programs all now appear in the HMIS with Nassau DSS in front of the program name.  The program name now also includes the provider agency name and the specific project name (ex. Nassau DSS – Catholic Charities – Regina Residence).

This will help us more easily identify these DSS-funded programs in the system, and will assist in reporting in general and for required data pulls for DSS/OTDA requirements.  It should also improve overall data quality for the programs involved. I expect this will be followed by the same effort for Suffolk County DSS-funded shelters but the timeline for that change has not yet been established.

**HMIS Annual Agreements**

Most of our provider agencies have returned their HMIS renewal agreements for 2019. Thank you! For those of you who have not, please do so as soon as possible to avoid having your access to AWARDS interrupted.

**COC Program Ranking**

HMIS data for our CoC program ranking is under review. For those with CoC-funded housing programs, please be available to respond to any questions we may have regarding your HMIS-CoC program data as the review process progresses.

**Foothold Connect Event**

**Monday, February 11th at 2PM - January and February 2019  Enhancements**This webinar series focuses on new and improved functionality deployed in AWARDS/HMIS each month. Foothold will demonstrate many of the new features listed in each month's What's New in AWARDS section of the monthly FootNotes news email digest. This is a free session and is open to any AWARDS user who wants to stay informed about the newest enhancements of AWARDS functionality.

To register, click on the Foothold Connect link in the side menu on the AWARDS/HMIS Homepage.

**Upcoming HMIS trainings:**

* *HMIS New User Training: February 19, 2019 - (seats available)*
* *HMIS Reports and ReportBuilding (Intermediate): February 28, 2019 - (seats available)*

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